

Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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The invention relates to a flowmeter [[(1)]] comprising at least two ultrasonic transducers [[(2, 3)]] that are mounted on a container [[(7)]] which is penetrated by a medium [[(9)]] in a certain direction of flow [[(S)]]. Said The ultrasonic transducers [[(2, 3)]] alternately transmit and receive ultrasonic test signals in the direction of flow [[(S)]] and counter to the direction of flow [[(S)]]. The inventive flowmeter [[(1)]] further comprises a control/evaluation unit [[(6)]] which determines and/or monitors the volume flow of the medium [[(9)]] inside the container [[(7)]] based on the difference in the travel time of the ultrasonic test signals propagating in the direction of flow [[(S)]] and counter to the direction of flow [[(S)]]'. The inventive ultrasonic transducers [[(2, 3)]] are configured such that they transmit and receive ultrasonic test signals or sound fields having a large aperture angle [[(g)]] or a great beam expansion.